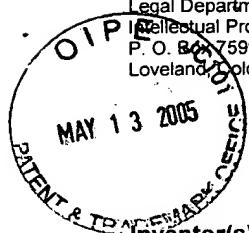


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Group Art Unit: 2126

Title: MULTI-LAYER SOFTWARE ARCHITECTURE FOR HARDWARE CONTROL

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) 37 CFR 1.114

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 CFR 1.114 is effective on May 20, 2000. If the above application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under CFR 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which Established RCE practice.

Submission under 37 CFR 1.114

Previously submitted:
 Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
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 Other:

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Suspension of action is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of months.
The fee for this Suspension is (37 CFR 1.17(i)) \$130.00.
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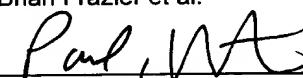
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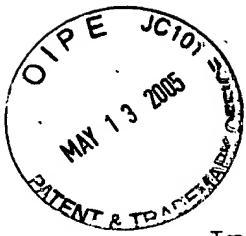


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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed 2-10-05, applicants respectfully request continued examination of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 (a). The Patent Office is authorized to charge Deposit Account 50-1078 the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (e). The authorization is also given on the accompanying transmittal letter for this amendment (a duplicate copy of which is enclosed for deposit charging purposes).